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Shukla, Shri Keshavprasad
Siddiqi, Shri Shamim Ahmed
Silvera, Dr. C.
Singh, Shri Bir Bhadra Pratap
Singh, Thakur Kamakhya Prasad
Singh, Shrimati Pratibha
Singh, Dr. Rudra Pratap
Singh, Shri Vishvajit Prithvijit
Singh, Shri Vishwanath Pratap
Sukhdev Prasad, Shri
Sukul, Shri P. N.
Suraj Prasad, Shri
Surendra Singh, Shri
Tariang, Shri Jerlie E.
Thakur, Prof. Chandresh P.
Thakur, Jagatpal Singh
Thakur, Shri Rameshwar
Thakur, Shri Surendra Singh
Thangabaalu, Shri
Tiria, Kumari Sushila
Tiwari, Shri Naryan Datt
Tripathi, Shri Chandrika Prasad
Tyagi, Shri Shanti
Upendra, Shri Parvathaneni
Vaduthala, Shri T. K. C.
Valiullah, Shri Raoof
Verma, Shri Kapil
Verma, Shrimati Veena
Vikal, Shri Ram Chandra
Yadav, Shri Ramanand

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Advani, Shri Lal K.
Ashwani Kumar, Shri
Goyal, Shri J. P.
Jaswant Singh, Shri
Mahajan, Shri Pramod
Malaviya, Shri Satya Prakash
Mishra, Shri Kailash Pati
Scindia, Shrimati Vijaya Raje
Vajpayee, Shri Atal Bihari
Verma, Shri Virendra
Yadav, Shri Jagdambi Prasad

The motion was carried by a majority of the total membership of the House and by a majority of not less than two-thirds of the Members present and voting.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, I shall put the motion regarding the consideration of the State of Mizoram Bill, 1986 to vote.

The question is:

"That the Bill to provide for the establishment of the State of Mizoram and for matters connected therewith, as passed by the Lok Sabha, be taken into consideration."

The motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause by clause consideration of the Bill. There are no amendments.

Clauses 2 to 48, the First Schedule, the Second Schedule, the Third Schedule and the Fourth Schedule were added to the Bill.

Clause 1, the Enacting Formula and the Title were added to the Bill.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Sir, I beg to move·

"That the Bill be passed."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, the Home Minister to make a statement.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Explosion that took place in Hansalaya Building, New Delhi on the evening of 6th August, 1986

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): Sir, I wish to inform the hon. House that on 6th August, 1986.... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: (Maharashtra): Sir, what he is speaking is totally inaudible and secondly there are no copies of the statement. Please do something. *(Interruptions)*

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Usually for such kind of statements, we do not have the copies. Of course, it can be made louder certainly. You may please be a bit louder.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, I wish to inform the Hon'ble House that on 6-8-1986 at 8.07 P.M. an explosion was heard in Hansalaya Building on Barakhamba Road side. The Police Control Room van and the Connaught Place Police Station officials reached the spot within 2-3 minutes. A case FIR No. 621 dated 6-8-86 u|s 3|4 Explosives Act read with 427 IPC, Police Station Connaught Place has been registered.

On examination of the site, it was found that the explosion had occurred under the staircase leading from the ground floor to the first floor. The blast was strong and a number of glasspanes around this area were shattered. It also bore a hole in the ceiling of the basement at the place where the explosive device was kept.

On one side of the staircase, where the blast took place, is Kuwait Airways Office and on the other side Saudi Arabian Airways. On the first floor, both sides are occupied by the Bank of America. No loss of life or injury to any person has been caused.

The Explosive experts and the Central Forensic Science Laboratory experts were summoned and they reached the spot around 9.00 P.M.

The preliminary investigation so far shows that some sophisticated high power ed explosives have been used in the blast The motive of the miscreant(s) is not yet clear. The investigation of the case has been handed over to the Crime Branch of the Delhi Police and they are taking assistance from other agencies of the Central Government also.

Senior officers including the Commissioner of Police who also reached the spot within minutes of the incident, are personally supervising the investigation of this case.

श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : मान्यवर, संसद् से केवल सौ गज के अदर यह घटना घट गयी है और जैसा कि वक्तव्य दिया गया है कि अभी तक इस बात की जानकारी नही हो पायी है कि इस के पीछे कौन है । कुछ समाचार पत्रों में यह समाचार छपा है कि यह डायनामाइट स्टिक थी, कुछ समाचार पत्रों में छपा है कि यह बम था जो वहां फटा और कुछ समाचार पत्रों में दूसरे किस्म की चर्चा हुई है । तो मैं स्पष्ट रूप से जानना चाहता हूं कि इस घटना को घटित हुए करीब 12 घंटे हो रहे हैं और दिल्ली में नित्य ही इस प्रकार की घटनायें घटती हैं और लोगों में भय और आतंक का वातावरण है । तो मै स्पष्ट रूप से जानना चाहता हूं कि जब देश की राजधानी में इस प्रकार की घटनायें घट रही हैं और उन के लिये न तो कोई गिरफ्तार किया जा सका है और न इस बात की जानकारी होती है कि इस तरह की घटना करने वालों के मन में क्या मोटिव था, क्या उन की मंशा थी तो किस तरीके से दिल्ली मे और देश के लोगों के मन में सुरक्षा व्याप्त होगी और इसलिये मैं निश्चित रूप से जानना चाहता हूं कि इस सिलसिले में क्या आप जांच का काम सी बी आई को देंगे या कोई हाई पावर लोगों को इस की जांच का काम देंगे । जो जांच पुलिस कर रही है उस के अलावा कोई उच्च स्तरीय जॉच इस की होगी क्योंकि दिल्ली की पुलिस बिलकुल असफल हो चुकी है । रोज घटनायें होती हैं, हत्यायें होती हैं, बैंक लूटे जाते हैं और इन तमाम मामलों में आज तक कोई गिरफ्तार नही हुआ है । तो मेरा स्पष्ट प्रश्न है कि दिल्ली पुलिस के अलावा कोई हाई पावर कमेटी या इंवेस्टिगेटिंग ऐजेंसी को या सी बी आई को इस की जांच का काम आप देंगे ?

SHRI M. KADHARSHA (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, not a single day passes in Delhi without a major crime incident and the situation, I am afraid, is turning from bad to worse. And the worst thing is that no major incident has been detected so far by the Delhi Police, whether it is the assassination of Lalit

Makan or the murder of Arjun Das, nothing has come out from the Government. The Government has been totally ineffective and inefficient to trace the culprits. Sir, the hon. Minister has said that the charge has been handed over to the Delhi police. The Delhi police has never done anything worthwhile. Even the arrest of the notorious criminals Shobharaj and Billa and Ranga was done by the police and army and people of other States and not by Delhi police even though the incident had taken place in Delhi.

Sir, only today morning the Minister of State for Home Affairs while answering a question about precautions taken by the Delhi police, gave a long list of precautions numbering about 14. He said that police presence in busy market places and other vulnerable places has been increased. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether this Hansalaya building, since it is located in a very important place, has also been considered as vulnerable or not. When the Government is having many sophisticated equipment like metal detectors then why the bomb could not be detected earlier. These are my questions to the Hon. Minister.

श्री कल्पनाथ राय (उत्तर प्रदेश) : आदरणीय उपसभापति महोदय, दिल्ली में इस तरह की जो घटनायें घट रही हैं यह बड़े ही दुर्भाग्य की बात है और पिछले दो सालों के अंदर ललित माकन की हत्या श्री अर्जुन दास की हत्या और पूरे दिल्ली में बम विस्फोट की घटनायें हुई थीं। मैं माननीय गृह मंत्री जी से जानना चाहता हूं कि क्या इन बम विस्फोटों के पीछे आतंकवादियों का हाथ है और आतंकवादी अगर हैं तो उन आतंकवादियों में कितनों को गिरफ्तार किया गया है तथा पुलिस ने उनको इंटरोगेट किया है उन से क्या जानकारी मिली है और फिर उनके खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ? तरह-तरह की अफवाहें सुनने को मिलती हैं ? कुछ लोगों ने कहा कि वे पार्लियामेंट हाउस को उड़ाने की साजिश कर रहे हैं। हमारे मित्र कलमाडी जी ने इस पर ध्यानाकर्षण प्रस्ताव भी रखा था, उसके बाद भी यह घटना घटी और इतना बड़ा विस्फोट हुआ। अभी मैं संसद् भवन के बाहर गया तो एक आदमी कहने लगा कि तीनमूर्ति में 3 आदमी मारे गए हैं, बाद में पता लगा कि यह अफवाह है। तो लोग अफवाहें भी फैलाते हैं और कभी-कभी विस्फोटक घटनाएं भी घटती हैं। पीछे दिल्ली में एक बार सब जगह बम विस्फोट हुए। तो इनमें आतंकवादियों का हाथ है और दिल्ली में आतंकवाद का वातावरण पैदा करके डर का वातावरण पैदा कर रहे हैं। जब दिल्ली में लोग सुरक्षित नहीं हैं तो देश की क्या सुरक्षा हो सकेगी। तो जो डिस्टैबिलाइजेशन की फोर्सेस काम कर रही हैं उनको काबू करना है। मेरा गृह मंत्री जी से अनुरोध है कि वे कम से कम राजधानी में इस तरह की घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए कदम उठाएं, पुलिस को टाइटन करें, उनकी संख्या बढ़ाएं, इंटेलिजेंस को जितना रिस्ट्रक्चर और रि-शेप कर सकें करें तो देश के हित में यह बहुत बड़ा काम होगा वरना आतंकवादियों का प्रभाव बढ़ने से लोगों में डिमौरलाइजेशन फैलेगा। तो मैं गृह मंत्री जी से निवेदन करूंगा कि वे सभी दलों से इस संबंध में राय करें और सबकी राय से इस प्रवृत्ति को रोकने के लिए ठोस और समयबद्ध कदम उठाएं ताकि ऐसी घटनाओं की पुनरावृत्ति न हो सके।

SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA (Andhra Pradesh): Today morning we have seen in the newspapers that there was a blast in Delhi and some information was given by the newspapers. Now here I find the Home Minister has not given any more information than what we saw in the newspapers. The Home Minister has only confirmed the incident giving a few minutes' difference in the timing of the incident. Newspapers stated that the incident took place at 8 O'clock in the evening and the Minister has said that it was at 8.07. He has only confirmed the incident. After that he has spoken some words of appreciation for the police that the police immediately reached there within a few minutes. He has also given sections under which the crime was registered and he has given FIR No. etc. Is it sufficient information to be given by the Home Minister to Parliament? The incident took place at 8 O'

[Shri Puttapaga Radhakrishna]

clock last night and it is about 22 hours now after the incident took place that the Minister has given the statement to the House and he has not given any information; he has only confirmed the incident.

Sir, act of terrorism has become the order of daily life. There is a possibility of this being an act of a terrorist, either a local terrorist or a national level terrorist or an international level terrorist. But the Minister has not made any efforts, the administration has not made any efforts, the police have not made any efforts to find it out. Apart from that, there is every possibility of several other buildings being shaken in the surrounding area and there may be further damages any time but the Government has not taken any action to examine the surrounding buildings and take measures to save the people from any untoward incidents taking place.

The second thing which I would like to know is whether the Government have appointed any committee of experts? I would also like to know how these dynamite sticks found their way into the premises? Was there no check? The statement is silent on all these things. It appears, the Government is sleeping over the problem. I would like to know whether the Government have any investigation to find out the origin of these explosives and who smuggled it into the premises? We also do not have an accurate account of the damage caused. Finally, I would like to know what steps have been taken by the Government to ensure that such incidents do not recur?

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, it does seem that it has become a part of the style of governance in our country, not to be able to discover any serious crime. We have been told through this statement that the device was spohisticated and the motives are not known. The mystery deepens when we discover that the premises contained the offices of the Kuwait Airways, the Saudi Arabian Airways and the Bank of America. Even technically, we have not been told everything. For instance, was there a time-device? Even after so many hours we have not been told about this. The time was 8. p.m. Was any one there at that time? Then, why, at that time, the explosion took place? If there had been a time-device, that might have failed. If there was none, could this even be utilised for purposes of stotage? One does not know. It is said that the device was sophisticated. Can it be said that the device was sophisticated or the quantum was large enough to cause a powerful explosion? At least, these technical things could be said, even though the motives may not be discovered as it befits the crime-detecting unit of the Delhi Police. I would, therefore, like to know these details.

I would also like to assess the chance of success of discovery in this case. Therefore, I would like to know, what is the rate of success in our investigation in such cases? Is there any suspicion in the official quarters that foreign hands are involved? Because of the locale of the incident these questions arise in our mind. Is it possible for the hon. Home Minister to give answers to these questions that we have raised? Thank you.

श्री सूरज प्रसाद (बिहार) : श्रीमन्, भारत की राजधानी में इस तरह की घटनाओं का होना बड़ी ही चिन्ता की बात है। अगर यह कोई पहली घटना होती तो इस तरह की चिन्ता की बात नहीं होती। लेकिन इस तरह की घटनाएं दिल्ली के अन्दर बार-बार हो रही हैं। इससे दिल्ली के अन्दर आतंक और भय का वातावरण पैदा हो गया है। लोगों में काफी असुरक्षा की भावना है। ऐसी स्थिति में सरकार को जितना सजग और सचेत रूप में इसके पीछे होना चाहिए था, ऐसा लगता है कि उतनी नहीं है। दिल्ली के अन्दर जो कानून और व्यवस्था की स्थिति है सचमुच में ही बहुत खराब है और जितनी बातें इसके बारे में कही जायें उतना ही कम है। मैं सरकार से इस सम्बन्ध में दो-तीन सवाल करना चाहता हूं।

क्या इस घटना के पीछे आतंकवादियों का हाथ है? सरकार ने अभी तक इस दिशा में किसी को गिरफ्तार किया है या नहीं? इसको 22 घंटे बीत गये और इसके पीछे पुलिस पड़ी हुई है, कमिश्नर

पड़े हुए हैं। इन 22 घंटों के दौरान सरकार ने किसी भी अपराधी को अभी तक गिरफ्तार किया है या नहीं, यह मैं जानना चाहता हूं। तीसरी बात यह है कि दिल्ली के अन्दर आमतौर पर जो कानून और व्यवस्था की स्थिति है और जो दुरावस्था है उसको दूर करने की दिशा में क्या सरकार के पास कोई योजना है या नहीं, ताकि दिल्ली वासियों के अन्दर में जो भय और आतंक व्याप्त हो गया है उसको दूर किया जा सके?

SHRI GHULAM RASOOL MATTO (Jammu and Kashmir): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, the terrorism in Punjab looms large in our mind. When we talk of terrorism, terrorist activity in any part of the country, we first think that it must be a terrorist activity emanating from Punjab. To my mind, the Hansalaya incident involves two countries, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. Over and above that there is the Bank of America on the first floor. Has the Government taken into consideration that this could be an act by those who are inimical to those two countries namely, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and has your intelligence any record of those persons in Delhi who are inimical to those countries so that they are also interrogated and a probe is made in that direction?

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA (Delhi): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, as an eye witness, not exactly at the time of the incident but within a few minutes, I had reached the spot because this is very close to my house, almost a stones throw from there, and I must say that I would like to record a good word for the police because the police had actually arrived within a few minutes, and also the fire brigade. They were very quick to look into the cause of the explosion and tried to discover the reason for it. In fact, one of the questions that can be answered by me is that there were two or three people actually working in the Bank of America building at the time of the explosion and the main demage has been to the glass panes. In fact, the staircase itself was not very badly damaged. Only a very small portion of it was damaged. The main impact of the explosion actually went down into the basement where the roof of the basement was damaged We went inside also. The point I am making is that it would not be very easy for the Government at this stage, even though 22 hours have passed, to get some kind of a link.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: What is your question.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: I would like to ask whether at this stage it is possible for the hon. Minister to identify or indicate whether he suspects national terrorists more than the international terrorists or international terrorists more than the national terrorists. Secondly, I would like to know whether any artifacts of any parts of the explosive device were left there or have been discovered by the police at this stage.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, this explosion, as I mentioned in my statement, took place at 7 minutes after 8 P.M. and, as has been rightly described by Shri Vishwa Bandhu Gupta, the next door neighbour, literally within three minutes the police force as well as the fire brigade was on the spot. For a change, we must compliment the Delhi police that they lost no time literally to reach the spot and the fire brigade was also able to reach there. From the information so far available, I can say that there was a damage to glass panes in a large area. A lot of broken glass was found there and the police has registered the case. Investigation by the police has started. I cannot prejudge the various things which the hon. 6.00 P.M. Members have mentioned. We have only to wait for the results of the investigation and as soon as the results are available, definitely I will share these with this august House.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Was there a time device?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: There have been some general comments about happenings of this kind in Delhi. As mentioned earlier at the beginning of the day today, we have tightened the various methods to prevent crimes, especially such like crimes, in Delhi. We have increased the vigilance apparatus in Delhi police, intensive foot

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and mobile patrolling, including armed patrolling, with communication systems like walkie-talkie and wireless sets fitted on motor-cycles, has been increased, intensive checking of hotels and guest houses is being done regularly and also a close watch is being kept on the possible hide-outs of the extremists, whether from Punjab or other parts of the country. So these are the various measures that the Delhi Police have taken for detecting such crimes.

Orders have been issued prohibiting the taking of bags etc. into the cinema halls and other places of entertainment. Police pickets have been set up at strategic points and on the borders to check the incoming buses and cars from the neighbouring States, a continuous drive by special squads of the district to nab the extremists, surprise checking of vehicles to detect those involved in such activities, strengthening of surveillance over known criminals, organisation of continuous *thikri* patrolling of local areas in coordination with the Delhi Police, stepping up of externment proceedings against the criminals under the National Security Act, have been undertaken and inter-district meetings with the police officials of the adjoining States is also taking place throughout the country.

These are the various measures that have been taken in Delhi. But, unfortunately, as the hon. Members have mentioned, there have been certain cases like those of Lalit Maken and Arjun Das. In these cases there has been progress; police have been able to identify the killers but it has not been possible to apprehend them. But we are in constant touch with the neighbouring States. You know this is an element which is highly trained and their acts are very skilful and it takes time for the police to nab them. We will spare no effort. As a matter of fact I have already taken this matter very seriously with the Delhi authorities to see that the murderers, the culprits involved in these cases are booked as soon as possible and they are caught and processed under the law.

This explosion which took place is something quite serious and we are concerned about it and we will spare no effort. Delhi Police will be instructed to expedite the investigation and book the culprits very quickly.

श्री अटल बिहारी वाजपेयी (मध्य प्रदेश) : उपसभापति महोदय, इस बम विस्फोट के सम्बन्ध में मैं एक स्पष्टीकरण चाहता हूं। क्या यह सत्य है कि बम विस्फोट से पहले नयी दिल्ली नगरपालिका में एक टेलीफोन आया था, जिसमें यह धमकी दी गई थी कि नयी दिल्ली नगरपालिका में बम का विस्फोट होने वाला है? मंत्री महोदय के बयान में इसका कोई उल्लेख नहीं है।

श्री बूटा सिंह : उपसभापति जी, माननीय सदस्य की इस सूचना का मैं चेक करके उत्तर दे सकता हूं।

SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNNA: Sir, my point is not answered.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have already spoken.

SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNNA: I have spoken, but my point is not answered by the hon. Minister. The Minister is silent on the issue as to whether they suspect any terrorist activity or not.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Anyway, please sit down.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Sir, how can we jump to conclusions? I am not ruling out anything. I say, let the investigation be complete, and as soon as the investigation is complete....

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: How can you predict things now?

SHRI BUTA SINGH:...the facts will be brought out and reported to the House.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now I call upon the Minister of State...

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Are we getting copies of the statement?

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, yes, it is coming to you. Yes, you are getting

it....(*Interruptions*)... It is a statement regarding the public distribution system.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI (Madhya Pradesh): I am on a point of order. I have raised this point of order several times—that though the Ministers have the right to come to the House and make statements, the House has to be informed. It may not be in the List of Business...

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: It is in the List of Business.

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: I am sorry.

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

Strengthening of Public Distribution System and consumer cooperatives in Mizoram

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVL SUPPLIES (SHRI AJIT PANJA): Mr. Deputy Chairman, Sir, after the recent visit of the Prime Minister to Mizoram, a Group of Ministers and a Team of senior officers visited Mizoram during the last week of July, 1986 to identify some measures which could accelerate the development of Mizoram. Supply of essential consumer items at reasonable prices to the people of Mizoram is of crucial importance. In this context, certain measures were considered in the Department of Civil Supplies to revitalise and strengthen the Public Distribution System and cooperative infrastructure. The Government have decided to take the following measures:

(i) The godown maintained by the State Trading Corporation at Silchar would be exclusively used for servicing Mozoram for supply of imported edible oils. For streamlining distribution as well as to keep the retail prices at reasonable level, full transport subsidy will also be given from Silchar to nine focal points viz. Aizwal, Lunglei, Lawngtalai, Kolasib, Aibawk, Champhai, Kawlkulh, Saitual and Lokichera.

(ii) Financial assistance upto Rs. 10 lakhs on the basis of hundred per cent subsidy is being sanctioned during the current financial year to Government of Mizoram for sunpply of levy sugar and iodized salt in small packs under the Public Distribution System.

(iii) A sum upto Rs. 10 lakhs will be given as share capital contribution to Mizoram Marketing and Consumers' Federation for expansion and diversification of their consumer activities.

(iv) Additional financial assistance of Rs. 2.50 lakhs will be given to Mizoram Marketing and Consumers' Federation to enable them to open retail outlets at Lunglei, Mamit, Kolasib, Champhai, Tlabung, Serchhip and Saiha.

(v) For up grading managerial skills of the officers handling public distribution work in Mizoram, a training programme will be organised in the month of October, 1986.

MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, clarifications. Mr. Chaturanan Mishra... Not here.

SHRI N. E. BALRAM (Kerala): Sir, I will ask a question. Is it only for the distribution of edible oils that you have taken this step? What about other essential commodities? Nothing is mentioned in the statement about them. If you are going to strengthen the public distribution system, then all the items that you are already supplying in other areas should be given to them also It is only mentioned in the statement that steps are being taken for servicing Mizoram for the supply of imported edible oils. What about other items?

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Sir, I am very happy that after passing the Constitution Amendment Bill the Government has shown sincerety that we want to help the people of Mizoram and that is why the Government has come out with a scheme to strengthen the public distribution system. I would like to know from the honourable Minister whether there is any programme for mobile shops so that the items which the Government wants to give to the people can be distributed in the remote villages of Mizoram.

Secondly, I am happy that you are going to give transport subsidy. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether this type of transport subsidy will be given to other tribal areas in the country so that the